

REMARKS

This Amendment After Final is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 25, 2005. It is understood that no fees are necessary in connection with the present Amendment. However, in the event any fees are due, kindly charge the cost thereof to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite, due to the use of the phrase "basic area." Claim 6 has now been canceled, rendering moot this rejection.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

Claims 1, 7, 9-11, 16, 26, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Mitani et al., WO98/15612. Claims 1 and 16 have now been canceled. Claims 7, 9-11, and 27 have been amended to depend from claim 5, which has been amended to include all the language of claim 1 (now canceled), from which it originally depended. It is noted, with appreciation, the indication in the Office Action that by so amending claim 5, the claim would be allowable. It is respectfully submitted that claims 5, 7, 9-11, and 27 are therefore in condition for allowance. Inasmuch as claim 26 originally depended from claim 5, which was indicated to be allowable if so amended, it is respectfully submitted that claim 26 is likewise allowable.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

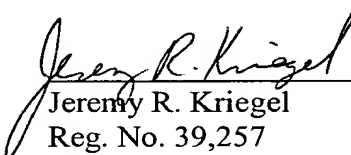
Claims 6, 8, and 17-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Claims 6 and 17-25 have been canceled. Claim 8 depends from claim 7, which has been amended to depend from allowable claim 5. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claim 8 is likewise in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing amendments place all pending claims in the application in condition for allowance. All previously withdrawn claims have now been canceled. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the present Amendment After Final, and pass the application to issuance. If the Examiner has any questions which might easily be resolved by telephone, he is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at (312) 474-6300.

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